

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

A computer system securely stores content items and provides a controlled grant of access to clients attempting to access such content items via a network. The system may include a Web server coupled to a content management system having one or more databases. The databases include the content items, which may take any of a variety of digital forms. For example, the content items may be text, image, audio, video, code, applets, or object files, or some combination thereof. Access to said content items is not directly available to the Web server or the clients. Rather, the content management system operates as an application server to the Web server. The Web server services requests for content items from the clients and, in turn, requests such content items from the content management system. In response, the content management system selectively provides such information (or representation thereof) as a function of satisfaction of certain criteria. As a result, the content information is provided to the clients via the Web server, wherein the content items is transient in the Web server.